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FLOYD THEODORE PRATT...THE FIRE AND MERCY

By

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As a young boy, Floyd Theodore Pratt, my father, was born at the Uhlinger Farm on Highway "C" outside of Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri on 6 January 1927. 3rd son of Columbus "Lum" Benjamin Alexander (1893-1947) & Rue Flavilla (1894-1983) (**JOHNSON**) Pratt.

At the young age of 7 or 8, Floyd experienced a mishap and in the process, taught him valuable lessons. Little did he know, these lessons would benefit him and his family years later when he attained adulthood. This story relates his mishap, lessons learned and the compassion for others when tragic struck.

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BACKGROUND

My dad; Floyd Theodore Pratt told me the following story today about an incident in his youth.



Floyd Theodore Pratt
circa 1934 age 7 or 8

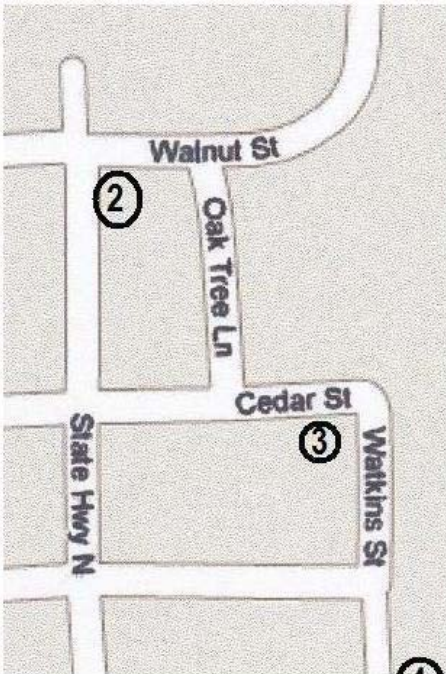
During the winter of 1936-1937, 9-year-old Floyd and his parents were living in the old Lon Barton house cattycorner from the Johnson House across a multi-acre field at the corner Walnut Street and Blue Springs Road in Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri.

This Barton house had originally been built by William "Bill" and Harriett (**KING**) Barton and now was owned by James Millard Johnson Sr.; Floyd's grandpa and was 2 stories tall and across the road in front of the field property, which was also owned by Grandpa Millard Johnson.

Being winter, this large multi-acre field was covered in tall dead grass and weeds and the neighborhood boys would often play there.

Many homes were sparsely located around the neighborhood and on down Blue Springs Road were other occupied properties. The field was located almost in the center of the populated town.

SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD IDEA...



**Bourbon circa 1930-1950
locations by Floyd Theodore
Pratt 2008
#2 The Johnson House #3 The
Barton House where Floyd lived**

Dad stated as a young boy of 8 or 9 he was walking in the large field in front of his house and being winter, it was cold. He thought it would be nice to build a little fire so he could warm himself.

With no one around, he gathered some dead grass and sticks and lit a fire with his matches, which he always carried wherever he went.

The fire began to give off the warmth he desired and he was proud of himself for accomplishing something worthwhile. Then an undesirable process began to take place...the wind picked up and began to blow and the fire began to grow and spread and get out of control.

At first, Floyd tried to stomp out the fire but due to the winter, the grass was dead and very dry and it began to spread uncontrollably. Floyd panicked.

As he hurried too and fro, trying to contain an uncontainable fire, stomping on the fire only made the matter worse. The flames were two feet, then four feet and finally raging six feet tall.

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Word spread throughout the community as fast as the fire was spreading.

Neighbors from all points of the compass showed up by the dozens with gunnysacks as they frantically attempted to beat the roaring fire to submission. It looked like the whole volunteer fire department and then some was in that field.



Columbus Benjamin Alexander
"Lum" Pratt 1893-1947

To make matters worse, Floyd's father; Columbus Benjamin Alexander Pratt better known as Lum came running out of the house and joined the volunteers in an attempt to extinguish the roaring uncontrollable fire.

OH...OH...

As the fire was getting under control, Floyd heard footsteps and turned around and Lum standing beside him looked down at Floyd, knowing he had set the fire and said two simple words...go home!

Dread set in as Floyd made that long walk back across the field to home. He knew what his father would do to him and an uncontrollable fear gripped his heart. He knew he was in for the whipping of his life.

Lum Pratt was never known as a gentle, loving, forgiving man, but one who always believed the adage...spare the rod, spoil the child.

Floyd knew his only salvation was to ask his mother; Rue, to intervene on his behalf with his father.

CHRIST-LIKE LOVE OF HIS MOTHER...



Rue Flavilla (JOHNSON) Pratt circa 1950

Now, Rue Flavilla (**JOHNSON**) Pratt, was a woman in complete contrast to Lum Pratt. The old saying, "opposites attract" was manifested in this marriage.

Rue was well educated, had worked in her father's mercantile store, was the only person in the county who could sign with deaf people, played the organ in their church and lived Christain principals...by example. She was of such gentile nature that you sought her out in a room full of people for love and comfort.

Her loving nature reassured any who were in need for fellowship and companionship. As a grandson, I too have benefited from my Grandmother Rue's sweet and protective disposition when I too knew that I had earned the wrath of my father. She saved me many a time from a good and well-deserved whipping.

During the depression she would feed any and all who came to her door in need of sustenance. Those who rode the rails had marked her fence with a code that informed other travelers they could receive food and shelter at her residence.

Floyd was counting on his mother's sweet disposition for salvation from his father, sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't.

Floyd pleaded with his mother to protect him from his father.

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When Lum came back home, after all the neighbors had extinguished the fire, justice and punishment was on his mind. But, before he could confront 8 or 9-year-old Floyd...Rue had a few words with him and talked him out of punishing Floyd...to Floyd's relief and surprise.

This tender act of mercy always endeared Floyd to his mother and taught him respect and gratitude for his father.

I am sure this incident traumatized this 9-year-old boy, which I feel had an influence on his adult life.

SEVERAL LESSONS LEARNED...

When Floyd reached adulthood (24), he was offered a position as branch manager for the General Detroit Corporation selling fire protection equipment including fire extinguishers in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

After a tragic fire and massive loss of life, the City of St. Louis passed a law requiring **all** buildings to carry fire-fighting equipment including commercial businesses, tenant and boarding houses.

Sales skyrocket to the point other competitive fire fighting companies could not keep up with the demand. Even Floyd's own company had to turn their production on a 24-hour 7-day schedule to keep up with demand.

Floyd was able to supply fire-fighting equipment to not only his customers, but became a leading distributor for competing companies such as the Kidde Fire Equipment Companies.

He was so successful in his sales efforts the company promoted him to branch manager of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania office branch responsible for sales and product distribution over 5 states.

In his tenure as branch manager, Floyd was responsible for saving thousands of lives through the distribution of fire-fighting equipment to distributors.

Was Floyd's experience with the field fire responsible for his dedication and diligence to work harder selling fire equipment? Unknown.

But I believe he may have derived several lessons from that incident that may have influenced him.

One may say, don't play with matches. On the surface, this is sound advice but not the true lesson learned here by Floyd on that winter day in 1936-1937.

The true lesson he learned, I believe, was...living by example Christian principles benefits all those who are in need of mercy and forgiveness.

Mistakes are made by all, but mercy coupled with forgiveness is something we can all give unbridled.

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P.S. Floyd says he never carried matches again after that incident.

Pedigree Chart for Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

Chart no. 1



A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.


Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

A Little Something About Your Author.....

The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John's Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

A Little Something About Your Author.....

After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website www.openlibrary.org. "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 79 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

Vital Text Series This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

Pratt Archive Collections This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children.

The Pratt Chronicles... The Pratt Chronicles series or what we call a Cradle to Grave (C2G) profile on steroids, is an in-depth comprehensive biography on one individual's life encompassing all known events, including historical factors from the time of their birth to their burial. These events are comprised of current music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, military participation, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions as they occurred on a yearly basis.

LITERARY HISTORY SERIES contains rare books concerning family history written by other authors...many who are deceased. These books were bought over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in the genealogical library.

VIEW FROM THE MAST... Over the years, Mr. Pratt has found it necessary to write articles concerning observations concerning various family history topics or what we call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of discovery, Mr. Pratt has sailed through the waters of family history research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details he has witnessed during his research tenure.

Genealogical Institute M.A.G.I. Courses These courses were developed over the years to assist the novice as well as the professional in all manners pertaining to family history research. Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Pratt Progenitor Papers Series This series is comprised of the famous Pratt Progenitor Papers. Starting with a known ancestor, this collection covers 2 or more generations of descendants. Each volume follows a particular individual and his descendants including children, grandchildren and spouses if known. Each of these volumes include legal and detailed information about a particular ancestor...many contain Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles. The order of reporting is as follows: 1st a Descendancy report on the primary, which is usually the husband; 2nd the primary or husband followed by all known wives, then 3rd the second generation comprising of all known children and their spouses, followed by additional subsequent generations of descendants. The **PPP** are light on speculation and assumptions, heavy on factual documentation offering research insights and suggestions.

ANCESTRAL FAMILY HISTORY OF... This book showcases a selected individual usually a living descendant, detailing their direct line ancestors as far as the research has been completed. This type of format is known as an enhanced pedigree chart. These books contain as many as 10 to 70 generations limited only by the number of ancestors of our primary individual. Whereas, pedigree charts list only the vitals on an individual, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

When accessing Mr. Pratt's books on Open Library, click on the heading of each list and you will be directed to the books, articles, stories and commentaries contained in each section. Click on the title of the book or article you desire for a full explanation of the item with contents. On the upper right hand column, are the words "Read Online" and PDF. All of these publications have been uploaded to the Internet Archive Digital Library repository and you can access them directly at the following...
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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
Genealogical Institute

Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. Pedigree Chart

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Always with a focus on temple ordinances, I accumulated over 55,000 names in my database as of 2015. Not wanting this material to be "lost" to other researchers, I began a series of publications back in 1991, which has grown to over 300 books, articles, stories and commentaries.

With the help of the Lord, a decision was made to post these publications on various websites, one in particular website called "Open Library". This article instructs you on how to access the websites and books I have posted.

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A large, golden statue of a man in a robe, blowing a long trumpet. The statue is set against a backdrop of a large, curved wall with inscriptions of names in cursive script. The word "DAYS" is visible at the top right.

"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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[1] Read each list and description

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[3] Click on the title of the book and you will see the contents and information concerning the publication.

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If you are having trouble accessing these books, as long as I am alive, I can send them to you through your email if you request.

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I offer these publications freely to the public with the hope I can save you time, money and effort so you will not have to duplicate work already posted. If my work helps you in your pursuit of your ancestry and you wish to donate a small token of your appreciation for my contribution to your research, you can send your gratuity to Floyd Pratt, 15434 East Ford Circle Apt A-1, Aurora, Colorado 80017.

I have received unsolicited donations as small as a restaurant gift card to a check for \$350 for services rendered. The amount is not important, just the satisfaction...other family history researchers appreciate my hard earned endeavors over the last 40 years. Regardless, I am glad to be of service and if I can help you in the future please inquire. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

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It has come to my attention when using Widows XP and accessing Open Library at my link of

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Details

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When you click on Details the following appears...

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

This warning has nothing to do with my publications; I suspect some publishers, writers and authors have made deals with software manufactures to allow them to attach unwanted adware and other programs to their books earning them additional compensation.

MOZILLA FIREFOX BROWSER

When I switched my browser to Mozilla Firefox using Bing and using the same link to Open Library there is no message as above. In fact, it takes you directly to Internet Archive and my book.

<https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>

I have been noticing problems with Google Chrome for several months, for example, not only is it slow, but when I visit www.findagrave.com after a few minutes letters and words on the memorials begin to disappear and are replaced with gibberish and lines rendering the site unusable. But when I use Firefox as my browser I do not have that problem.

Also, I found when I try to use my old Internet Explorer as my browser and I post the open library link as stated above if it does take you to my Lists page, when you select a book as a PDF it states it cannot make the connection.

I wrote to Open Library concerning this issue and their reply was the following...

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to me

Hi and thank you for contacting us,

Pretty sure you are getting this message because one page on the domain Open Library is trying to access and potentially download content on another domain archive.org. Some browsers and malware detectors see this as a potential threat because a page could be loading content from a nefarious site unbeknownst to you. This is how our site is set up to work however, so you are welcome to ignore that warning message.

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Mozilla Firefox is a faster browser and works great. However, for those of you who are still using Google Chrome or Internet Explorer I suggest another approach.

- [1] If you already know the name of the book you wish to access
- [2] Go directly to <https://archive.org/index.php> by copying the address and pasting it in your browser address bar
- [3] There is a search bar in the middle of the page and type the title of the book then click on GO
- [4] It will bring up the title and my name and a short description...click on the title
- [5] The title page will appear on the right hand column under Download Options will be the PDF
- [6] Unfortunately the same red page posted by Google Chrome (if you are still using Google Chrome) appears but click on the **details** and then the **visit the site** and then it gives you full access to the book and on the right you see the floppy disk for download.

I think it would be quicker to go through Open Library if you are using Google Chrome or Internet Explorer.

If you are still having problems then email me and I will send the book through our email connections.

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That's why I like Open Library because I can breakdown these books into Lists so I can keep track of them.

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When I tried going to Open Library I had no problem. When I clicked on a book and clicked the PDF icon I got a little red page stating.

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This Web page on ia801504.us.archive.org has been reported to contain unwanted software and has been blocked based on your security preferences. Unwanted software pages try to install unwanted software that can be deceptive and affect your system in unexpected ways.

Get me Out of here

Why was this page blocked?

Ignore this warning

I clicked on the "Ignore this warning" button and it took me directly to my book.

My only conclusion is that some books on Internet Archive may have had hackers attaching software programs to some of the millions of books they house.

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If you surf their website and browse their millions of books and download a bunch of their books then you might pick up one of these free riding software programs. However, if you stick to my books and just download them only, I don't think you have anything to worry about.

I do not have any programs attached to these books. However, I will investigate other repositories where I can post these books for your free access, but I am sure they all suffer this problem.

I have not received any complaints, comments concerning Internet Archive about problems with these downloads so, I assume we are good. According to their records my books have had hundreds of downloads.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Like anything you see for free on the Internet, beware nothing is free in this world.

We are taught as Latter Day Saints there are three worlds in our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. First the Celestial World where he and others reside, known as the highest kingdom, then there is the Terrestrial World, where good people reside but they were not valiant in this life and then there is the Telestial World who are of people who were the least valiant and righteous.

[http://www.mormonwiki.com/Celestial, Terrestrial, and Telestial Kingdoms](http://www.mormonwiki.com/Celestial,_Terrestrial,_and_Telestial_Kingdoms)

This earth in its present state is a representation of the Telestial World. If you don't like it here and you are spiritual then you are probably destined for a higher spiritual world. Because this world contains people who are a mixture of the above three worlds, we have so much evil.

So, what you download from the Internet and they state it is "**free**" be wary, they make deals with the manufacturer, publisher and suppliers by compensating them if they will allow the software companies to "attach" their ads, offers and solicitations to their free downloads.

I have made no deals or accepted any offers from any company to be compensated for my free downloaded books. Therefore, you can rest assured my downloaded books are and should be free from these adware or unsolicited programs.

However, I recommend a highly qualified program at <http://www.malwarebytes.org/>

My son-in-law is a professional IT manager and software expert for several companies and checking with the Best-Buy software technicians they concur the above program is one of the best on the market and used by professionals.

You can download a free trial sample at that website to see just how good it is. I just now scanned my computer for threats and the above program Malwarebytes found 5 harmful programs and with a click of a button they were removed.

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So, what I suggest, when you see one of those warning pages, just ignore the warning and when it displays my cover page, download my book as soon as you see the disc icon on the lower right for download.

MY LISTS ON OPEN LIBRARY AND THEIR DESCRIPTIONS

Presently there are 10 lists under my authorship posted on Open Library. They are not in any order but the categories are as follows...

Cradle to Grave Profiles (C2G)

Over the years, I found it necessary to organize my notes concerning individuals into a chronological format beginning with their birth date and various events all through their lives accumulating with their death and burial locations. As I formulated this research, I labeled my efforts aptly named the Cradle to Grave Profiles (C2G).

These profiles have become famous to family history researches due to their detailed documented facts containing material from rare and hard to find resources.

These mini-biographies present all the known research material available to the author concerning that individual at the time of their creation.

Using this style of recording data concerning our ancestor's life, allows the researcher to insert, move, delete, change and follow their subject's life events without losing track of their timeline.

Another advantage of using this type of documentation helps the researcher at a glance, to focus on the locale and time period where additional repositories containing information concerning their subject may be located.

Events such as political, historical and environmental are illustrated as well as legal documents, newspapers and historical records to acclimate the reader during the time frame of that ancestor's lifetime. Even though this series utilizes the following documents, some of these publications do not contain the actual copy of maps, legal documents and pictures concerning the subject's life.

The more comprehensive publications, i.e., The Pratt Chronicles... enhance these mini-biographies with actual copies of the documents pertaining to that individual's life.

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Family vital information of all known spouses and children are included as it pertains to the subject's timeline. What makes these reports so useful to the family history researcher is the documented evidence chronologically presented with verified proof of these events during the life of the subject prevents the reader from asking, "Where did they get that information?"

Creating a Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile is the first step in formatting a biography and is the foundation for writing a book on the life of your subject.

Be mindful, over the last 40 years of family history research I have created thousands of C2G Profiles of which only a few are listed here. If you do not see someone you are interested in, email me at floydpratt59@gmail.com and I will check my 55,000-name database and will post what I have on your ancestor.

Literary History Series

Literary History Series contains rare books concerning family history written by various authors...many who are deceased. These books were acquired over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in any genealogical library. These books are offered freely to help advance family history knowledge.

Pratt Progenitor Papers

Pratt Progenitor Papers by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. is a series of a collection of descendant information covering an individual and 2 or more generations of descendants.

Each volume follows a particular individual and his descendants including children, grandchildren and spouses if known. Each of these volumes include legal and detailed information about a particular ancestor...many contain Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles.

The order of reporting is as follows: 1st a Descendancy report on the primary, which is usually the husband; 2nd the primary or husband followed by all known wives, 3rd the second generation comprising of all known children and their spouses, followed by additional subsequent generations of descendants.

View From the Mast...

Over the years I have found it necessary to write articles concerning observations of family history or what I call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

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Having a unique perspective from the top of the mast on the sailing ship of discovery, I have sailed through the waters of research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details I have witnessed during my voyage.

Pratt-Bach Ancestral Trilogies

This list is not a book but a directory of books attributed to one progenitor. This directory directs the reader to the appropriate locations where the books can be accessed. Only progenitors who have had at least three, books, articles, stories or commentaries will be admitted to this list.

These books can be personal testimonies of the life of the individual, life recollections concerning the individual, Ancestral Family Histories of the individual and Cradle to Grave Profiles of the named individual.

This list was created to help the family history researcher find, locate, access and save these valuable books concerning our collective family history. Authored by Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt F.H.C. and Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

Ancestral Family Histories (AFH)

The Pratt Progenitor Papers comprises of a selected ancestor and reporting on their descendants for a numbered generations. This is known as a descendency book. Under the PPP format, all known descendants are represented in that book including each child and their spouse for a chosen number of subsequent generations.

The Ancestral Family History (AFH) consists of choosing a **living descendant**, and producing a book from the descendant following **direct line ancestors** as far as the research has been completed.

This type of format is known as a pedigree chart listing as many as 30 to 50 generations concerning the number of ancestors of that individual.

Much more than pedigree charts, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

Due to the extensive research, I have acquired over the last 40 years, I have accumulated a vast amount of family history information on thousands of people and it is not uncommon for these books to generate over 800 pages.

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Pratt Archive Collections

This Collection comprises of a series of books containing cemetery records, family histories, biographies and various books compiled by individual authors.

Genealogical Institute

Over the past 38 years, Mr. Pratt has observed a lack of organized research efforts to help the serious genealogy researcher.

One organization...the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and their Family History Center has been a magnificent repository of information needed to help advance genealogical research. However, even that institution is at the mercy of individuals who are willing to donate their publications and research. Consequently, a multitude of research material never makes it to their doors.

The Genealogical Institute was created to offer superb tools to help the genealogical researcher in three vital areas... research, academic and publication. The tools and courses within have been designed to assist the public in genealogical research and help fill the void in their genealogical education.

Vital Text Series

This category offers public records including but not exclusive...marriages, deeds, census and various documents from County Courthouse Records in Missouri.

Scrutinized and compiled by this author for accuracy and cross referenced with census and family histories to ensure the most complete and accurate records available in print today.

The Pratt Chronicles Series

A unique collection of biographies on various ancestors. Enhancing the Cradle to Grave (C2G) format with pictures, newspaper articles, legal documents, census records, yearly newsworthy events and an annual synopsis of the individual's life and activities.

Under each category list are multiple books concerning related topics for that particular category.

My purpose is to leave behind family history research for future generations to help save them time, effort and money allowing them to forge new research into newly discovered records without a duplication of effort.

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I am posting new material at Open Library almost on a weekly basis so check back often to see what is new or what I would suggest, email me and ask me if there are any new books on the family lines you are interested in.

I have amassed so much material over the last 40 years, which has not been posted; if you ask, I will work on your request to expedite your books of interest. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.
20 November 2015

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.


Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John's Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

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After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website www.openlibrary.org. "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 79 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

Vital Text Series This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

Pratt Archive Collections This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children.

The Pratt Chronicles... The Pratt Chronicles series or what we call a Cradle to Grave (C2G) profile on steroids, is an in-depth comprehensive biography on one individual's life encompassing all known events, including historical factors from the time of their birth to their burial. These events are comprised of current music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, military participation, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions as they occurred on a yearly basis.

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When accessing Mr. Pratt's books on Open Library, click on the heading of each list and you will be directed to the books, articles, stories and commentaries contained in each section. Click on the title of the book or article you desire for a full explanation of the item with contents. On the upper right hand column, are the words "Read Online" and PDF. All of these publications have been uploaded to the Internet Archive Digital Library repository and you can access them directly at the following...
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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
Genealogical Institute

Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. Pedigree Chart

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